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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2005 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant has amended claims and has added a claim. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition. Following the entry of this amendment, claims 1-33 are pending in this Application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103

It is respectfully submitted that the previous rejections of the claims are no longer applicable due to the amendment of the independent claims herein. Furthermore, Ogasawara is not seen to teach or suggest the added feature that the cost estimate is based on a resource usage amount relating to the client, and therefore the claims as amended herein are seen to be allowable in view of Ogasawara. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Newly Added Claims

Claim 33 is newly added and is believed to be in allowable condition. Claims 33 depend from claim 1. Support for claim 33 is provided within the Specification, for example, on page 4, lines 21-26. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Amendment, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants Representative at the number below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this

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Amendment, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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